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PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (a)		Docket Number: 01662/53002	
Application Number 09/887,204	Filing Date June 22, 2001	Examiner FUBARA, Blessing M.	Art Unit 1618
Invention Title RAPIDLY EXPANDING COMPOSITION FOR GASTRIC RETENTION AND CONTROLLED RELEASE OF THERAPEUTIC AGENTS, AND Dosage FORMS INCLUDING THE COMPOSITION		Inventors Fleshner-Barak et al.	

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Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith for filing is a response to the Office communication mailed June 4, 2007, for the above-identified application.
2. Applicants hereby request a **three-month extension of time** to respond to the Office Action of June 4, 2007, which set a three-month period for response. The extended period for response expires on December 4, 2007. Please charge the **\$1,050.00** extension fee and any additional fees to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon, deposit account number 11-0600. A copy of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

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